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SUBJ: GOB REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE: STRANDING OF RUSSIAN SHIP BALTIKA

REF: TELCON CG-S/S-O SEPT 3 AND STATE 175146

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REQUEST FROM DEPUTY GOVERNORS
OFFICE, BERMUDA ADDRESSED TO THE CONGEN REGARDING
THE FURNISHING OF ASSISTANCE BY THE US NAVY TO THE SS
BALTIKA. QUOTE 3 SEPTEMBER 1973 STRANDING OF BALTIKA:
ASSISTANCE TO THE BERMUDA GOVERNMENT. WITH REFERENCE
TO OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, I CONFIRM THAT WE HAVE
TELEXED TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON DC, ASKING
THEM TO INFORM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT
WE REQUEST THE SERVICE OF A US NAVY BARGE TO TAKE OFF
1,000 TONS OF OIL FROM THIS STRANDED SOVIET VESSEL. THIS
MEASURE WOULD BE FOR THE PROTECTION OF BERMUDA SINCE
THERE IS RISK OF MAJOR OIL POLLUTION IF THE WEATHER
DETERIORATED AND THE VESSEL SUFFERED DAMAGE. THIS
REQUEST IS TO COVER AN INFORMAL ARRANGEMENT WHICH IS
ALREADY IN HAND. SIGNED F.B. SEDGWICK-JELL, ACTING
DEPUTY GOVERNOR. UNQUOTE.

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2. NAVY BARGE OFF LOADED SS BALTIKA OF 900 TONS
BUNKER C AND AFTER TRANSFERRING PASSENGERS TO RUSSIAN
FREIGHTER STANDING BY SHIP FLOATED OFF REEF AT 1300
LOCAL SEPT. 4.

3. BALTIKA IS BELIEVED TO HAVE 10 FOOT GASH IN OUTER HULL
AND IS SHORT OF WATER. SHE ENTERED ST. GEORGES SEPT 5
FOR WATER REBUNKERING AND EXAMINATION AND POSSIBLE
REPAIR OF OUTER SKIN BEFORE PROCEEDING LENINGRAD.

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